

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12-22 are allowed. Claims 1-11 and 23-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite prosecution. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes that copies of the references cited in Applicant's specification are being obtained and will be provided to the examiner in due course.

Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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